

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revision petition - Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired) - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Imposed a penalty of "withholding of ten percent of monthly pension permanently" - Review petition filed against the punishment orders - Admitted - Penalty set aside and exonerated from the charges - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.215

Dated: 22.02.2024
Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.NO.981, Revenue (Vig. I)Dept., dt: 25.10.2023.
2. Review petition dt: 30.11.2023 filed by Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired)

ORDER:

Whereas, in the G.O.1st read above, orders have been issued imposing a punishment of "withholding of ten percent of monthly pension permanently" against Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired) as the articles of charge framed against him for the alleged irregularities committed by him in issuance of certain irregular orders under section 8(4) of ULC, Act, 1976, were held proved by the Inquiry Authority cum Joint Collector, Krishna.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders, Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired) has filed a review petition before the Government denying the allegations and asserting that he has joined as Dy. Tahsildar in 2004, while the alleged orders under ULC, Act were issued on 08.12.2000 i.e., four years earlier to his joining and thus, he is not responsible for these actions and requested to set aside the punishment orders issued by the Government.

3. And whereas, the review petition of Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired) has been admitted and a personal hearing has been conducted by the competent authority on 05.02.2024.

4. After careful examination of the grounds put forth in the review petition and also after hearing to pleadings of the petitioner during the personal hearing, Government have observed that the regular inquiry authority cum Joint Collector Krishna has submitted his report on 01.10.2011, confirming the charges against charged officer; that the District Collector, Krishna, in his letter dated 21.10.2016 has stated that no irregularities occurred regarding the land in Mogalrayapuram, as it was declared as non-surplus and another land in Gunadala village was designated as agricultural land and hence, exempted from ULC, Act and concluded that there was no revenue loss from clearance certificates issued by Sri K. Govinda Rao.

5. It was further observed that as the inquiry report of the then Joint Collector & Enquiry Officer dt.01.10.2011 and the report of the former JC, & CA, ULC, Vijayawada dt. 15.07.2016 are contradicting with each other, the Collector Krishna, who has been requested for specific remarks, have explained that initially, Dhulipala Rama Chandra Koteswararao and others were declared surplus land holders in 1980, but were later declared non-surplus by SO & CA, ULC, Vijayawada on 08.12.2000; that despite the land earmarked for open space, NOC, s were issued for gifting, deemed not irregular and additionally, the land in Gunadala Village is agricultural, and hence exempted from ULC, Act. Thus, the inquiry officers provided conflicting reports in the same case, leading the District Collector, Krishna to conclude in his final report that no violations occurred and no financial or Land loss occurred to the Govt. Hence, basing on the report of the District Collector, Krishna, Govt., have decided that the punishment of "withholding of ten percent of monthly pension permanently imposed on Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired) is set aside duly exonerating him from the charges framed against him in the matter.

6. Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule- 38(a) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, here by review the punishment of "withholding of ten percent of monthly pension permanently imposed against Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired) set aside the same and exonerating him from the charges framed against him in the matter.

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7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri/ District Collector, Krishna, shall take necessary further action accordingly.

AJAY JAIN
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To:

Sri K. Govinda Rao, former Dy. Tahsildar, ULC, Vijayawada (now retired) through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The OSD to the Hon'ble Minister (Rev, Stamps & Regn).

The Collector & District Magistrate, Krishna District.

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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//


SECTION OFFICER